

## News Release

# Students from Western Minnesota Regional Science Fair 2015

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Students recently competed in the 66th Western Minnesota Regional Science Fair, which

was held on February 6, 2015, at the University of Minnesota Crookston. A number of students from the region have been chosen to compete in the Minnesota State Science & Engineering Fair (MSSEF) in March 2015.

At the 66th Western Minnesota Regional Science Fair, sixteen projects were selected to advance to the state competition. The Western Minnesota Region is one of the eight regions in Minnesota and includes the counties of Big Stone, Becker, Clay, Grant, Mahnomen, Norman, Ottertail, Polk, Traverse and Wilkin.

Winners from the regional competition were Sarah Herlihy with the project of "Pitch Perfect" from Park Christian school; Katrina Lodewyk with the project of "Take Note: Do Cornell Notes Help All Learning Styles?" from Park Christian school; Ashly Zitzow and Jenna Wegscheid with the project of "Academic Honesty in a Digital Age" from Perham High school; Alexis Peichel with the project of "A Statistical Investigation of Cell Phone Use While Driving" from Perham High school; Olson Langness with the project of "Using Sine Waves to Cancel out Tinnitus Frequencies" from Park Christian school; Alma Jogenson with the project of "Using Lake Scum to fertalize Deep Winter Greens Production" from Graceville school; Josie McAllister and Curtis Swanson with the project of "Lead Fragments in Harvested Venison: Year II" from Perham High school; Paul Schoeneberge and Eris Huus with the project of "The Study of Bacterial Resistance in E.coli k-12 and Bacillus substiles" from Perham High school; and Kanyon Edvall and Thomas Young with the project of "Fridge Tracker: Tracking Refrigerator Contents with a Smartphone Application to Eliminate Food Waste" from Perham High School.

The winners are going to compete in the state level of competition, MSSEF on March, 2015, which will have approximately 2,500 regional participants and 500 students in grades 6-12 selected to advance and present their research.

The University of Minnesota Crookston now delivers 31 bachelor's degree programs, 22 minors, and 36 concentrations on campus as well as 14 degree programs entirely online. These degrees are offered in the areas of agriculture and natural resources; business; liberal arts and education; and math, science and technology. With an enrollment of 1,800 undergraduates from more than 20 countries and 40 states, the Crookston campus offers a supportive, close-knit atmosphere that leads to a prestigious University of Minnesota degree. "Small Campus. Big Degree." To learn more, visit [www.umcrookston.edu](http://www.umcrookston.edu).

*In the photo are Bottom row: Lauren Knoll, Kaelen Langeness, Gabby Sanaman, Elizabeth Krause, Emily Doeolen, Katrina Lodewyk, and Jacob Jelinski. Middle row: Alma Jogenson, Ashley Zitzow, Jenna Wegscheid, Josie McAllister, Olson Langness, and Olivia Wagendorf. Top row: Thomas Young, Kanyon Edvall, Paul Schoeneberge, Eric Huus, Sarah Herlihy, and Curtis Swanson*

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